Rail Accidents

3291. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway accidents which took place after the 16th February, 1989 so far this year; and

(b) the loss of life and property as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were 42 train accidents, including 29 to goods trains, on the Indian Railways during the period 16.2.1989 to 15.3.1989. 31 Persons lost their lives in these accidents and damage to railway property was estimated at Rs. 91 lakhs approximately.

Coal Jetty at Tuticorin Port

3292. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity of present coal jetty at Tuticorin Port;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct another coal jetty at Tuticorin Port;

(c) what would be its capacity;

(d) what would be its estimated cost; and

(e) by when it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The designed capacity of the existing coal jetty at Tuticorin Port is 2.25 million tonnes per year (MTPA).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The capacity of the second coal jetty would be 2.5 MTPA.

(d) According to the Feasibility Report prepared by Tuticorin Port Trust in June, 1988 the estimated cost is approximately Rs. 10 crores.

(e) The jetty would be completed within four years from the date of sanction.

Commissioning of Tuticorin Airport

3293. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land required for Tuticorin Airport;

(b) what area of land has since been acquired and, whether the same has been taken over by the National Airports Authority of India;

(c) what would be the length of the runway of the Airport and what types of Aircraft would be able to land;

(d) whether the night landing facility would be made available at the Airport;

(e) what would be the estimated cost of the Airport; and

(f) what funds have been allotted so far and by when the Airport is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) About 180 acres.

(b) 180 acres of land has been handed over to the National Airports Authority.

(c) The dimensions of the runway would be 4500' x 100' and it will be suitable for Avro type of aircraft operation.

(d) No, Sir.